# CATHEDRAL PARISH TOWNSVILLE

Sacred Heart Cathedral, St Joseph's Church North Ward
St Patrick's Church South Townsville, St Mary's Church West End,
St Francis Xavier's Church Railway Estate, St Joan of Arc Church Magnetic Island

COR AD COR LOQUITUR
*heart speaks to heart*

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A| 08 November 2026**

## PASTOR'S PEN:



Dear Parish Family,

A very warm welcome to you all as we begin another week together. I cannot imagine what the past week has been for you and your families. Whatever it may have brought, let us move forward with grateful hearts and renewed hope. To those who have recently joined us, you are most welcome. Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is your home, and we are here to help you feel valued, supported and truly part of our parish family.

**Keeping Our Lamps Burning**
This Sunday's readings invite us to live with wisdom, faith and hope. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids, reminding us to keep our lamps burning and always be prepared for His coming. The oil in our lamps represents the everyday expressions of our faith: prayer, kindness, forgiveness, generosity and service to one another.

As a parish family, let us never allow our faith to grow cold. Instead, let us encourage one another, look after those who may be struggling, and make everyone feel they belong. This is how we become a more faith-filled and hopeful community, keeping Christ's light alive in our homes and in our parish.

**A Word of Appreciation**
My sincere thanks to everyone who came out and participated in our Parish Volunteers Training Session at St Mary's Hall on Saturday morning. Your presence, enthusiasm and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. Thank you for continuing to give your time and talents to the growth of our parish. Your service is truly invaluable.

**Update on St Joseph's Church**
I am pleased to report that the restoration work at St Joseph's Church is progressing as planned. The workers have now commenced painting the interior of the church. This is another encouraging step towards the completion of the restoration. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

**A Heartfelt Thank You**
Finally, thank you, dear parishioners, for everything you continue to do to make this parish grow. Whether through your prayers, generosity, volunteering, encouragement or quiet acts of kindness, each contribution matters. Sometimes, you may not realise how much your presence and service mean to this community, but please know that I see and appreciate them. As your priest, I am grateful and privileged to journey with you.

Let us continue to walk together, keeping our lamps burning brightly and making our parish a place where everyone feels welcomed, loved and at home.

May God bless you and your families throughout the coming week. May He grant you wisdom in your decisions, strength in your challenges, and hope in every circumstance. May the light of Christ continue to shine through us, and may His peace remain in our hearts and homes.

Have a blessed week ahead!

With every blessing,
***Fr Sylvester Emetuche,***
***Dean and Parish Administrator***

## Important Notice
## Weekend Mass Arrangements

The St Patrick's College Auditorium weekend Masses for 14 & 15 November will be moved to Cathedral Church making way for the school's activities.

The arrangements are as follows:

- **Saturday,** 14 November: 6:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral.
- **Sunday,** 15 November: 8:30 am Mass at the Cathedral.
- **Sunday,** 15 November: The usual 10:00 am and 5 pm Cathedral Masses will proceed as normal.

## Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

**We are delighted to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, we would love to get to know you.**
*Our parish motto, "Cor ad Cor Loquitur" (Heart Speaks to Heart), reminds us that faith is not just words, but a living connection, a conversation of love between each of us and God, and among one another.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16**

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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# CATHEDRAL PARISH NOTICES

## The Cathedral Parish warmly welcomes:

Oaklan Francis; Parker Jamie & Cooper Morgan who will be baptised at St Mary's Church this Sunday.

## PASTORAL PLACEMENT IN CATHEDRAL PARISH



From 19 November, the Cathedral Parish will welcome Xavier Mape, a first-year seminarian for our Diocese. Xavier will be in our Parish for six weeks. He is no stranger to the Parish, as it was his 'home' parish where he attended mass regularly whilst discerning the priesthood, and was a part of the Young Adults Group.

## Can you help?

We are seeking donations/Bunnings vouchers to purchase four new wall fans for the rear of St Joseph's Church ($350 each to supply and install). We have an opportunity to replace these while the Church is being painted. If you would like to donate, please see the priest or contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 47714461. **With Blessings, Fr Sylvester**






## Annual Seminary Appeal



Next weekend is the annual Seminary Education Appeal in Parishes. This appeal helps support the formation and education of our seminarians attending Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane. Townsville seminarians Tito and Xavier are currently completing the third and first years of formation. Soon, Tito will undertake a pastoral placement on Palm Island and Xavier will undertake a pastoral placement in Cathedral Parish.

Your donation helps support Tito and Xavier to become the shepherds of the future in our diocese.

Please consider making a regular monthly contribution. Envelopes will be made available in our Parish.

To make a tax-deductible gift, scan the QR code below or go to tsvcath.au/seminaryDGR

To make a gift which directly reduces the annual cost to the Diocese go to tsvcath.au/seminary

**Please pray for the Sick:** Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants: Toni Goodhew; Dina Royo; Pat Lee, Paula Gillam; Rosario Schesky; Emma; John Reyes; Sam Knight; Jan Palmer; Rafael Zarate; Nila Crossan; Sue Palmer; Deb Lowrie; Emma Moss (Luckel); Cecil Allen; Bernardene Morlin; Susan Alexander; Elizabeth Shinnick; Greg Luckel; Loreto & Bolton Clarke Nursing Home residents. For whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

**Prayer for the Souls of the Departed:** Loving and merciful God, we entrust the soul of Grace Galea and all who have died to your mercy. You loved them greatly in this life; now that they are freed from all its cares, give them happiness and peace forever. The old order has passed away; welcome them now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow. No more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus, your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

** Please be advised that the Parish Office requires individual and/or family permission for inclusion in the public prayer list under the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012.*

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## Parish Roster: 14 / 15 November 2026: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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| ***CATHEDRAL 10am:***<br>**Coordinator:** Cecily P<br>**1st Reader:** Martin P<br>**2nd Reader:** Chinenye A<br>**Prayer of the Faithful:** Philomena X<br>**Collection:** Terry H / Chidera O<br>**Eucharistic Minister:** Emelita N / June S<br>**Slides:** Chea V | ***CATHEDRAL 5pm***<br>**Coordinator:** Grace D<br>**Welcoming:** Lachlan F<br>**1st Reader:** Charlotte H<br>**2nd Reader:** Lawrence G<br>**Prayer of the Faithful:** Dale C<br>**Eucharistic Minister:** Grace / Lachlan |
| ***ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 6pm***<br>**Commentatoe:** Maria L<br>**1st Reader:** Connie C<br>**2nd Reader:** Miriam O | ***ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 9am***<br>**1st Reader:** Anna N<br>**2nd Reader:** Greg L<br>**Prayer of the Faithful:** Mary M<br>**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe D; Paul H Tony G |
| ***ST MARY'S CHURCH 8am***<br>**Commentator:** Robyn<br>**1st Reader:** Pia<br>**2nd Reader:** Allan<br>**Prayer of the Faithful:** Robyn | ***ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH 7am***<br>**Coordinator:**<br>**1st Reader:** Lena W<br>**2nd Reader:** Sue W<br>**Prayer of the Faithful:** Jim S<br>**Altar Server:** Wade S |
| ***ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH***<br>**Commentator:** Dot C<br>**1st Reader:** John W<br>**2nd Reader:** John W<br>**Collection:** Dennis S<br>**Music**: Kristin W<br>**Pickup/Drop off Priest:** Dot C | ***VOLUNTEER***<br>If you can spare some time on a Friday morning or afternoon, or Saturday morning, we are seeking Volunteers to assist to clean the Cathedral and St Joseph's Church. |

**Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass Collections:**
**31 October / 01 November 2026**

| Collections | Cathedral | St Mary's | St Francis Xavier | St Joan of Arc | St Joseph's | TOTALS |
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| First | $1,109.80 | $504.10 | $294.15 | $177.70 | $352.50 | $2,438.25 |
| Second | $342.05 | $168.50 | $ 75.05 | $- | $169.20 | $ 754.80 |
| Planned Giving | $ 15.00 | $130.00 | $130.00 | $ 15.00 | $570.00 | $ 860.00 |
| Eftpos/QR Code | $2,389.00 | $165.00 | $ 70.00 | $ - | $ 75.00 | $2,699.00 |
| Total | $3,855.85 | $967.60 | $569.20 | $192.70 | $1,166.70 | $6,752.05 |

***Thank you** to all parishioners for your ongoing financial support of our parish and its good works. Your generosity helps continue the important ministries and services provided across the many worshipping communities in our parish.*
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## CATHEDRAL PARISH MASSES

**Monday:** 7:00am Sacred Heart Cathedral
(followed by exposition until 12noon)
**Tuesday:** 7:00am Sacred Heart Cathedral
**Wednesday:** 7:00am St Mary's West End
**Thursday:** 7:00am St Francis Xavier Railway Estate
**Friday:** 7:00am Sacred Heart Cathedral
12:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral
(Reconciliation at 11:00am)
**Saturday:** 8:30am St Mary's West End
**14 Nov 2026** (Followed by Reconciliation)
6:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral (Vigil)
**Sunday:** 7:00am St Francis Xavier Railway Estate
**15 Nov 2026** 8:00am St Mary's West End
8:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral
10:00am Sacred Heart Cathedral
5:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral
5:15pm St Joan of Arc Magnetic Is.

**Baptisms by appointment**
Cathedral | 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday
St Mary's | 2nd Sunday
St Joseph's | 4th Sunday
St Francis Xavier | 5th Sunday
*Please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on*
***07–4771 4461 for bookings.***

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